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Dear Department,

In a Note dated November 30 the Secretariat General of the Arab League forwarded to us a copy of the resolutions adopted by the League Council at its Forty-Second Session, held in Cairo from September 28 to 30.

2. With this letter we are enclosing copies of resolutions entitled "Racial Discrimination in Israel," "Palestinians Holding American Citizenship", "Arab Attitude Towards the Government of South Africa", and "Benefiting from Labour Movement in Supporting the Palestine Issue".

3. The other resolutions on political subjects were one on the appointment of General Mohammad Fawzi as Military Assistant Secretary General to the Arab League vice General Ali Ali Amer; one on the implementation of League decisions on Palestine (uninformative); one on Israeli activities in Africa (uninformative); and one on diplomatic relations between Israel and West Germany (uninformative).

4. The remaining resolutions concerned a recommendation that Arabic should be used as an official language at the Universal Postal Union, subject to an estimate by the Union of the cost involved; a large number of recommendations made by the Permanent Communications Committee; the Union of Arab Universities; youth and sport; and a number of social matters, particularly penal policy.

5. We are sending copies of this letter to the Chanceries at Rabat, Tunis, Algiers, Benghazi, Tripoli, Beirut, Amman, Damascus, Baghdad, Jedda, Khartoum, Kuwait, Tel Aviv, Washington and Pretoria, to the Political Residency, Bahrain, and to P.O.M.E.C. (Aden).

Yours ever,

D.H. Maitland

(H.B. Walker)

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PALESTINIANS HOLDING AMERICAN CITIZENSHIPS:

The Council hereby agrees to the recommendation of the Economic Affairs Committee which reads as follows:

"The Committee recommends approval of the recommendation taken by the Eighth Conference for Heads of the Palestine Organs which is as follows :

"The Conference has reviewed the paragraph included in the U.A.R. note re the statement inserted by the American authorities on the American passports issued to Palestinians naturalized with the American citizenship, to the effect 'that they were born in Israel' in spite of the fact that their dates of birth were prior to the existence of Israel."

"The Conference is of the view that the procedure by the American Government in this respect is a wrong procedure and, therefore, recommends that this subject be referred to Heads of Arab Missions in the United States in order to be treated in a manner dictated by the Arab interest."

(R/2025 - Sept. 30, 1964).

RACIAL DISCIMINATION IN ISRAEL

The Council hereby agrees to the recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee which reads as follows:

"The Committee recommends approval of the recommendation by the Eighth Conference of Heads of Organs on Palestine which reads as follows :

"The Conference has revised the report presented by the Arab League Secretariat General concerning the conditions of the Arab minority in occupied Palestine and listened to statements given on the subject and hereby recommends:

1. "Combatting the hateful racial discrimination exercised by the Israeli authorities against the Arab minority in occupied Palestine.

2. Rendering joint Arab efforts and endeavours at the U.N. and the International circles to make them aware of the dangers of the Israeli imperialistic racial policy practised by Israel and taking the necessary measures that will insure its eradication.

3. Pursuing the subject by the Arab League Secretariat General in order to have a complete picture of its elements and pave the way for its reconsideration at the next Conference."

(R/2024 - Sept. 30, 1964).

ARAB ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA :

The Council hereby agrees to the recommendation taken by the Political Affairs Committee which reads as follows :

"The Committee reviewed the two memorandums presented by the Arab League Secretariat General and the Syrian Arab Republic on the Arab attitude towards the Government of South Africa.

"It considered that the national struggle in South Africa against racial discrimination and the domination of the European minority over the people is identical in its causes and objectives to the struggle against the Zionist occupation of Palestine and the racial discrimination on which Israel was established and which Israel used as a base for its continuous aggressive activities.

"The Council likewise hereby agrees, in order to affirm the Arab-African solidarity and unity of struggle against imperialism, to adhere to the resolutions taken by the African Unity Organisation at the First African Summit Conference held in Addis Ababa in May 1963 and the Second African Summit Conference held in Cairo in July 1964."

It also agrees to :

1. Urging all countries, particularly those that have traditional relations and co-operation with the Government of South Africa, to thoroughly carry out the U.N. resolutions No. 1761 (17) of Nov. 6, 1962 on the question of apartheid.

2. Calling upon all countries that still have diplomatic, consular and economic relations with the Government of South Africa, to sever these relations and cease to exercise any other form of promoting the policy of racial discrimination.

3. Affirming the big responsibility of the imperialistic authorities that rule neighbouring territories to South Africa in as far as the continuation of adopting the policy of racial discrimination is concerned.

4. Censuring racial discrimination in all its forms in Africa as well as in all parts of the world.

5. Expressing the deep concern created among all African peoples and governments by racial discrimination procedures against the communities descending from African origin and living outside the continent particularly in the United States of America, in order to put an end to these hideous behaviours

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which cannot be tolerated and which may result in serious deterioration of relations among the African peoples and governments on one part, and the people and government of the U.S.A. on the other.

6. Requesting the release of Nielson Mandella, Walter Siselo, Mangalisso Soboko, and the rest of the national internees or prisoners in accordance with the arbitrary laws of South Africa. (all spelt wrong!)

7. Calling upon all oil producing countries to cease, as an urgent measure, supplying crude oil and petroleum by-products to South Africa.

8. Requesting all African countries to enforce forthwith the decision taken at Addis Ababa in May 1963 on the question of boycotting South African goods; to stop supplying it with minerals and other raw materials; and to cease importing South African goods.

9. Urging all countries, particularly the fundamental mercantile countries, to co-operate in boycotting South Africa.

(R/2030 - Sept. 30, 1964)

BENEFITING FROM LABOR MOVEMENT IN SUPPORTING THE PALESTINE ISSUE

The Arab League Council hereby approves the recommendation adopted by both the committees of Political, Social and Cultural Affairs which read as follows:

"The two committees recommend:

1. That all Arab labor unions not yet included should join the Union so that its representation of the Arab Labor opinion be complete

2. That Labor federations be established in the Arab countries not having yet such federations in order to prepare the way for their joining into a general union which will join, in turn, the international union for Arab workers.

3. That Arab Governments provide the Union with the necessary financial, technical and moral assistance which would enable it perform its great tasks in a manner that conforms with the efforts rendered in this respect

4. That efforts be doubled for the purpose of promoting relations between the Arab labor movement and other labor movements in Africa, Asia and Latin America in a manner which would put an end to the attempts made by the Israeli labor formations to infiltrate into the Afro-Asian sphere and insure support by the Afro-Asian labor movements to the Palestine case in particular and the Arab issues in general

5. That the member-states provide their diplomatic missions abroad, particularly in labor accumulation centres and large capitals, with two labor Attachés whenever possible

6. That the Arab League delegations and its offices abroad, particularly in Geneva and New York be bolstered by providing them with employees well-acquainted with labor affairs.

(The Saudi Arabian representative expressed "reservation" re clauses 2, 3 & 5 and each of the representatives of Lebanon and Tunisia expressed "reservation" re clause 5)

(R/2057 - Sept. 30, 1964)